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SUBJ/ CURRENT DATA ON CAPE HAKE

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION PARA 4. REFTEL:

NOTE: SINCE THE S.A. FISHING INDUSTRY DOES NOT CLASSIFY THE TWO
HAKE SPECIES SEPARATELY CONGEN IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL
DATE FOR EACH. DATA LISTED BELOW IS FOR THE TWO SPECIES COMBINED;

(A) 1974 CATCH: SOUTH AFRICA-135,000 TONS; RUSSIA-298,000TONS;
SPAIN-134,000TONS OTHER FOREIGN FLEETS: N/A

1975 CATCH: SOUTH AFRICA-113,000 TONS; FOREIGN FLEETS: N/A

1974 LANDED WEIGHT: SOUTH AFRICA-92,334 TONS; FOREIGN FLEETS:
N/A

1975 LANDED WEIGHT: SOUTH AFRICA-77,454 TONS; FOREIGN FLEETS:
N/A.

REGARDING EXTIMATES FOR 1976, OPINION IN INDUSTRY IS THAT
SOUTH AFRICAN CATCHTEND LANDINGS WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME AS
IN 1975.

(B) AT THE DECEMBER 1975 MEETING, ICSEAF ADOPTED SCIENTIFIC
ADVISORY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT 'APPROPRIATE ACTIONS'
BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE WEST COAST CATCH OF HAKE DOES

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NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD OF 8000,000 TON

LEVEL SET BY THE COMMISSION (SEE PARAGRAPH C.). THE COMMISSION IS TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING IN MALAGA SPAIN IN DECEMBER 1976 TO CONSIDER A BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING A TOTAL CATCH LIMIT. NO OTHER NEW REGULATIONS WERE IMPOSED.

(C) CONCERNING MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELDS OF HAKE IN THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE AREA, THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT HAKE CATCHES IN THE WEST COAST DIVISION SHOULD NOT EXCEED 8000,000 TONS, AND THAT THE TOTAL HAKE CATCH IN THE WHOLE CONVENTION AREA SHOULD NOT EXCEED 950,000 TONS A YEAR.

2. NMFS MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO S.A.SHIPPING NEWS AND FISHING INDUSTRY REVIEW FOR FEB.1976, ARTICLE ON PAGE 51 ENTITLED 'ICSEAF SETS MAXIMUM CATCH FOR CAPE HAKE'.

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